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In re Patent Application of: William A. Zoghbi et al.

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For: USE OF BNP DURING STRESS TESTING

FOR THE DETECTION AND RISK

STRATIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH

SUSPECTED CORONARY ARTERY

DISEASE

Examiner: C. M. Borgeest

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.